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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Assistant NIO for Latin America

SUBJECT : Possible Guerrilla Training Camps in Nicaragua

1. A meeting of working-level analysts from DDI, DDO, and DIA was convened last week to review the reporting on possible guerrilla training camps in Nicaragua. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] We believe that some of these guerrillas are being infiltrated into El Salvador to help disrupt the 28 March elections. [REDACTED]

2. The number of guerrillas in such camps probably fluctuates from month to month, the camps are often temporary in nature and located in remote and inaccessible areas, and the guerrilla training probably is but one of many activities at a given camp. Cubans, Nicaraguans, and South Americans most likely are serving as instructors at such camps. Insurgents from Guatemala, Honduras, and Costa Rica also could be receiving training. [REDACTED]

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3. The reporting also suggests that there is some guerrilla activity in camps in northern Costa Rica, particularly Guanacaste Province. The primary purpose of such camps is uncertain, but they probably function as support networks for illegal arms smuggling and as training and rest sites for Central American insurgents. [REDACTED]

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4. Intelligence collection and analysis on this subject is a top priority with the intelligence community. [REDACTED]

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